

**CLARK COUNTY
CLEAN WATER COMMISSION
Meeting Notes**

Wednesday, September 5, 2001
6:00 – 7:00 PM

Clark County Public Works Department
Conference Room
4700 NE 78th Street
Vancouver, Washington

Call to Order

Roll Call:

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Robbie Agard, Willie Bourlet, Cal Ek, Dana Kemper, Mary Martin, Susan Rasmussen, Don Steinke, Art Stubbs and Peter Tuck

Clark County Public Works Staff

Kelli Frost, Sam Giese and Earl Rowell

Clark County Treasurer Staff

John Payne

Audience

Virginia VanBreeman

Introduction

The members of the Clark County Clean Water Commission, Clark County staff, and audience, were introduced. Chair, Commissioner Kemper, then called the meeting to order.

Agenda and material review

The material for tonight's meeting include:

- 1A: 9/5/01 Clark County Clean Water Commission Meeting Agenda;
- 1B: 9/5//01 Clark County Clean Water Commission Work Session Agenda;
- 2: 8/15/01 Clark County Clean Water Commission Meeting Notes;
- 3: Article from the Columbian dated 8/22/01, Commissioners OK stormwater fee break;
- 4: Clark County Staff Report dated 8/16/01;
- 5: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit: Clean Water Program Overview;
 - Cleaning up our Water – Clean Water Program – Annual Report 2000 Summary;
- 6: Work Session charts; and
- 7: Clark County Clean Water Commission facilitated work tasks, April – September 2001, Final Report Outline, Draft (8/29/01).

8/15/01 notes

The notes from the 8/15/01 Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting were approved as written.

Updates/Communications from the public/media/agencies

Mr. Rowell reviewed the staff report which describes the request to amend the Clean Water Funding Ordinance (CCC 13.30A) to: a) allow a reduction of an individual's Clean Water Program Service fee if they qualify for hardship status as defined in CCC 18.413.010; b) clarify definitions used in Section 13.30A.030; c) to be consistent with RCW 90.03.25, change to \$9.90 the fee charged to state road as seen in Section 13.30.A.050.B.No.5; d) better explain the appeal process in Section 13.30A.110; and e) correct typographical errors. This request was approved by the BOCC.

Mr. Bourlet: Do you know the financial impact this has on the clean water program?

Mr. Rowell: There will be approximately \$6,000 in administration costs and roughly \$13,000 to \$26,000 in exemptions.

Mr. Ek: Why were these people charged in the first place?

Mr. Rowell: In the year 2000 qualified hardship cases were given an exemption in the clean water fee program. The BOCC and Prosecuting Attorney's office stated that because it was not listed in the ordinance it would not be applicable so the hardship cases were then charged a clean water fee. This year there were complaints regarding charging hardship cases that brought us to the amendment to the ordinance.

Mr. Bourlet: Is this effective this year?

Mr. Rowell: This is effective for year 2000 and 2001 clean water program fees.

Mr. Rowell went through the material from item number five in tonight's packet, which is the Clean Water Program 2000 overview report that provides detailed budget, and program information.

Mr. Rowell informed the Clean Water Commissioners that the Clark County Auditors will be doing an audit of fund 4420, the clean water program. The audit will take place in September and will last a few weeks. The auditor will complete an evaluation report and submit it to Pete Capell, Director of Public Works and the BOCC.

Mr. Giese Provided the Clean Water Commissioners with a handout that summarized the monitoring activities to date. Also provided was a map of Clark County that outlined the county monitored sites during the year 2000.

Mr. Kemper: We are trying to have Mr. Giese, Mr. Swanson and other agencies make us aware of what is happening within the county, so we can determine if there are areas that are being neglected, etc.

Mr. Agard: Salmon Creek, one of our dirtiest streams in Clark County is not on this list anywhere.

Mr. Giese: We have three tributaries to Salmon Creek that are on the list; Cougar Creek, Mill Creek and Curtin Creek,

Mr. Ek: The upper East Fork isn't listed, you have Rock Creek being a tributary to East Fork, but I'd like to see some data in the upper East Fork or some other tributaries.

Mr. Giese: What would be your definition of upper East Fork?

Mr. Ek: Above Lewisville.

Mr. Kemper: How long do you think it would take us to get in contact with all the different agencies and get their data on water monitoring activities?

Mr. Giese: I can have some data for you by the October 3rd meeting.

Mr. Agard: As part of the NPDES permit we are required to map outfalls, how are we doing on that?

Mr. Giese: I can provide you an answer at the next meeting.

Mr. Agard: The outfalls are critical to where we are testing.

Mr. Steinke reported that the Vancouver School District held a staff development fair, August 26th in which 800 teachers could choose between 30 different topics. Mr. Steinke held a session on water quality/pollution in Clark County, and only five people showed up because the district required all the middle school science teachers to attend another session at that time.

Mrs. Rasmussen: Of those who attended how was it received?

Mr. Steinke: It was well received.

Mr. Rowell reminded the Clean Water Commissioners about some e-mail's that were forwarded to them regarding water quality issues such as seventy-eight percent of people believe that their stormwater goes into local rivers. Twenty-six percent of people notice ads that are on busses and billboards relating to ESA and other water quality issues.

Mr. Agard: Some time ago we asked Mrs. Meats to inquire with schools about video taping ads and we haven't heard back. Also, I would like to see a follow-up on putting clean water posters up at drive through restaurants. I spoke to Burgerville at the Clark County fair and they indicated that they would listen to a presentation on this idea.

Mr. Rowell: I will follow up on your requests.

Public Input

There was no public input

Adjourn

Mr. Kemper adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting will be held on, Wednesday, September 19, 2001.

Looking Ahead

Begin work on 2003-2004 budget.

Respectfully submitted by Kelli Frost

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